

Week Ending October 26, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending October 26, 1997. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting cotton, rice and soybeans and planting wheat. Soil moisture conditions were rated 2 percent very short, 8 percent short, 61 percent adequate and 29 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	78	61	87	75	2	3	22	49	24
Rice	Harvested	99	97	100	97	--	--	--	--	--
Sorghum	Grain Harvested	100	97	100	99	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Shedding Leaves	97	92	96	94	2	6	30	49	13
	Harvested	76	69	73	62					
Wheat	Planted	53	39	66	50	3	4	21	71	1
	Emerged	26	10	--	--					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	77	65	81	83	0	2	38	50	10
Pecans	Harvested	39	29	20	19	0	3	19	75	3
Peanuts	Harvested	99	95	100	98	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						2	5	19	64	10
Pasture						3	14	31	46	6

County Agent Comments

"Moisture conditions have improved with recent rains. Cotton and soybeans harvesting is progressing well and yields are good."

— Steve Richardson, Tate County

"Recent rains have benefited fall seeded wheat and pastures. Heavy frost last week has damaged a few acres of late planted soybeans. Cool season pastures are looking good."

— Stanley Wise, Alcorn County

"Rain has delayed harvesting. Fall pasture and wheat planting is almost completed. Cotton yield is much better than expected. There has been a lot of variation in soybean yields."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Soybean harvest is almost completed and yields are at an all time low since 1994. The rain, last week, continued to help ryegrass pastures and hay production."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Cotton harvest is about complete, though Friday's rain halted harvesting. Winter grazing is responding well to last week's rain."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"The rains this past week hampered crop harvesting, but tremendously helped ryegrass. Producers are busy planting the rest of their ryegrass acreage."

— Shelby Bearden, Copiah County

"Recent wet weather in addition to mild temperatures have spurred pasture growth. Some ryegrass had to be replanted due to previous dry conditions."

— Patrick Poindexter, Pike County

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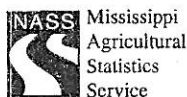
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Weather Summary from October 20, 1997 to October 26, 1997 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	79	38	59			3.97		4	3.97				
Cleveland													
Tunica													
Extreme/Average	79	38	59			3.97		4	3.97				
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	77	31	53	57	-4	1.89	+1.07	4	2.86	70	48	59	0.09
Memphis	77	40	57	60	-3	1.71	+0.91	3	4.06				
Oxford	78	35	56	57	-1	2.66	+1.84	4	3.78				
Extreme/Average	78	31	55	58	-3	2.09	+1.28	4	3.57	70	48	59	0.09
3. Northeast													
Booneville	72	37	54	57	-3	1.86	+1.00	4	3.28				
Corinth	77	34	57	58	-2	2.93	+2.09	4	4.44				
Iuka	73	29	52			0.02		1	1.24				
Pontotoc	77	32	57	58	-2	2.87	+2.12	4	4.29	70	49	61	0.17
Tupelo	74	34	57	59	-2	3.49	+2.71	5	4.76				
Verona	77	34	57			3.49		4	4.76	72	52	62	0.14
Extreme/Average	77	29	56	58	-3	2.44	+1.63	4	3.80	72	49	62	0.15
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	81	39	60	61	-1	1.71	+0.93	2	3.01	78	61	70	
Greenwood	79	41	62	61	+1	2.05	+1.22	5	2.75				
Rolling Fork	84	38	62			2.74	+1.73	3	3.72	79	62	71	0.13
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	84	39	65	62	+3	2.16	+1.34	2	2.99				
Extreme/Average	84	38	62	61	+1	2.17	+1.31	3	3.12	79	61	70	0.13
5. Central													
Carthage	82	35	61	60	+2	3.27	+2.56	3	3.32				
Jackson	83	40	64	62	+2	2.42	+1.74	5	4.24				
Winona	79	31	64	58	+7	3.07	+2.07	2	4.27				
Extreme/Average	83	31	63	60	+3	2.92	+2.12	3	3.94				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville													
Columbus	81	37	60			5.62		5	7.00				
State University						4.12	+3.29	3	4.88	74	51	63	
Extreme/Average	81	37	60			4.87	+4.04	4	5.94	74	51	63	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	85	40	65			3.25		4	4.92	81	55	70	
Natchez	83	44	67	64	+3	3.86	+2.73	3	5.15				
Oakley	82	32	60			3.61	+2.79	3	4.34	74	55	66	
Vicksburg	81	39	63			3.09		3	4.13				
Extreme/Average	85	32	63	64	-1	3.45	+2.47	3	4.64	81	55	68	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	83	44	65	64	+1	1.55	+0.94	4	2.98				
McComb	86	45	66	63	+3	3.01	+2.24	5	3.44				
Extreme/Average	86	44	66	63	+2	2.28	+1.59	5	3.21				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	85	40	65	63	+2	0.50	-0.08	2	3.63				
Laurel													
Meridian	83	34	62	61	+1	2.41	+1.59	5	3.57				
Newton	83	34	63	60	+3	3.90	+3.06	3	5.35	70	49	61	0.13
Extreme/Average	85	34	63	61	+2	2.27	+1.52	3	4.18	70	49	61	0.13
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	87	38	65			1.41		4	2.49				
Biloxi	81	50	66			1.64		4	2.72				
Gulfport	79	46	66	66	0	0.00	-0.37	0	0.00				
Pascagoula	80	42	64	67	-3	2.47	+1.88	3	5.97				
Poplarville	83	42	67	66	+2	2.30	+1.78	2	4.08	80	58	69	1.43
Extreme/Average	87	38	66	66	-1	1.96	+1.40	3	3.82	80	58	69	1.43
State	87	29	61	62	0	2.54	+2.05	4	4.02	81	48	64	0.39

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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